IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

MIYAHARA et al.

Serial No. 10/611,427

Filed: July 2, 2003

Atty. Ref.: 1035-458

Group: unassigned

Examiner: unassigned

For: COUPLING STRUCTURE FOR A HOLLOW BODY

January **23**, 2004

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

As suggested by 37 C.F.R. 1.97, the undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449, a copy of each of which is enclosed. This is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no better prior art exists, or that a reference is relevant merely because cited.

The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.

Frank

Бy.

Frank P. Presta

Reg. No. 19,828

FPP:cr

1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor

Arlington, VA 22201-4714 Telephone: (703) 816-4000

Facsimile: (703) 816-4100

| INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION | | ATTY. DOCKET NO. | | SERIAL NO. | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|--------------|
| | | 1035-458 | | 10/611,427 | | | |
| | | APPLICANT | | | | | |
| | | MIYAHARA | et al. | | | | |
| (Use several sheets if necessary) | | FILING DATE | | GROUP | | | |
| | | July 2, 2003 | | unassigned | | | |
| | | U.S. PATEN | NT DOCUMENTS | | | | |
| EXAMINER INITIAL | DOCUMENT NUMBER | DATE | NAME | CLASS | SUBCLASS | FILING IF APPR | DATE |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | · · · |
| | | | · | | | | |
| - | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | <u> </u> | |
| | . « | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | FOREIGN PAT | ENT DOCUMENTS | | | | |
| | DOCUMENT | DATE | COUNTRY | CLASS | SUBCLASS | TRANS YES | LATION NO |
| | 11-042709 | 02/1999 | Japan | | | ABSTRACT | |
| * | 2001-280207 | 10/2001 | Japan | | | ABSTRACT | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | OTHER DOC! | IMENTS (including A | uthor, Title, Date, Per | tinont pages of |) (c) | | |
| | OTTIER BOCK | MILITIS (Illelauling A | utilor, Title, Date, Fer | tillelit pages, e | ., | | |
| | | | • | | | | |
| | | | | | | | ···· |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | • | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to application.

Date Considered

*Examiner